

Infant 2 Newsletter

Spring 2 2026



Welcome Back!

Welcome back! I hope you have all managed to have a restful week off, we were all feeling a bit tired at the end of last term! We have a fun filled term ahead of us and before we know it we will be breaking up for Easter.



PE

Tuesday

Dance with Lauren

Friday

Attacking and Defending

Please send your child to school in PE kit on Tuesdays and Fridays.

School PE kit is: a white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/shorts/leggings and trainers. Please include a black or school jumper for going outside. We utilise all spaces in the school grounds and will be outside all year round so please ensure your child has appropriate clothing and footwear. **Please make sure long hair is tied back and earrings are removed/covered.**

Please!!

Please label all of your child's clothes and belongings that come into school. It really helps to get misplaced items back to you.

Also please make sure long hair is tied back each day, especially on PE days! Thank you!

Phonics

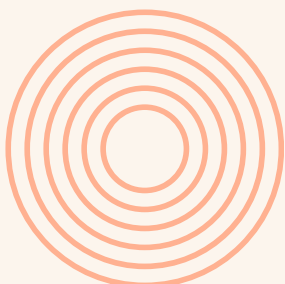
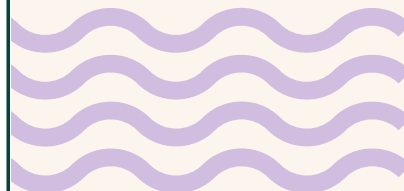
We will continue to follow Read Write Inc programme and each day children will have a 20-minute phonics lesson. Year 2's will continue to learn spelling rules and patterns this term too.

Topic

We are continuing with 'The Big Freeze' as our topic this term. It's been really interesting so far and the children have really enjoyed learning lots of facts about the Arctic and Antarctic. We are going to be learning all about the famous explorer Robert Falcon Scott and his journey to the South Pole. We will be writing diary entries and creating a timeline of his journey. We will also be learning all about the Inuit way of life and clothing. In science, we will be conducting experiments using ice. RE this term has a focus on salvation and the Easter story. In art, we will be exploring colour in different forms and in computing we will be exploring digital art.

Pencil Cases

We've recently seen lots of lovely pencil cases in the classroom. Please could we ask that these are kept at home and only brought in on special days such as World Book Day. They can be a bit of a distraction during our learning time.



Spelling

We've seen how well lots of children have been doing with learning their spellings. We will now send spellings each Wednesday which will be tested the following Wednesday. The format of the spellings sheet encourages regular opportunities to practice. We also have dedicated time during the week for children to practice these prior to Wednesday test but always encourage regular home practice too. We have been learning fun ways to learn spellings such as 'Rainbow Spelling' - ask your child to show them how we practice using these techniques. Your child's score will be recorded on their new spelling sheet each week for parents/carers to see. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home too.

Reading

We'd like to encourage you to continue to prioritise reading at home with you child. The Book Trust published a report last year and the key take aways were as follows.

Reading supports children to:

- Overcome inequalities before the deepen.
- Bond with their caregivers and experience better mental well being.
- Meet early development milestones and do better at school.
- Develop empathy, creativity and imagination.

You can find the full report here: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/resources/reading-benefits/>

In school, your child will read to an adult several times each week, when we will also sign their diary and check whether they need new books. Please ensure you child's diary and books are in school every day. Thank you for your continued support.

Times table Rock Stars (TTRS)

Year 2 children have received a login in for TT Rockstars. This website allows them to practice their times tables which is invaluable for their fluency in maths. You are welcome to access this at home. The year 2's have worked hard last year learning their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Well done!

Homework

There is a new homework grid this half term which you will receive alongside this newsletter. The new grid has suggested activities linked to our current Big Freeze topic. Your child can choose one activity that interests them most. The whole half term is available to complete it, so you may wish to work on it gradually as a project or complete it more quickly—whatever best suits your family. Homework is due back in school by Friday 20th March so that we have enough time to share it to the class and receive our reward.

If it's easier, homework can also be photographed and emailed to infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk.

Finally...

As always, if you wish to speak with us regarding anything relating to your child please call the school office to leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, drop us an email (infant2@gunthorpe.notts.sch.uk) as we do try to check at the end of each school day.

Thank you for your continued support.

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